



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 309**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1068

*Senate, March 30, 2009*

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING GREEN JOBS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of  
2       Economic and Community Development shall establish a program to  
3       create green jobs and promote green energy and conservation by (1)  
4       targeting investments in renewable energy research, development and  
5       deployment, and (2) promoting the use of renewable energy in state  
6       buildings, nonprofits and educational institutions. Such program shall  
7       include, but not be limited to, components that emphasize the use of  
8       existing industries in the state and that examine the viability of other  
9       renewable industries.

10       (b) The program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
11       section shall be limited to available appropriations, but the  
12       Department of Economic and Community Development shall apply  
13       for any federal economic stimulus funds available pursuant to the  
14       American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5, to  
15       establish a program to create green jobs and promote green energy and

16 conservation pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

17 (c) On or before October 1, 2009, the Department of Economic and  
18 Community Development shall report, in accordance with the  
19 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
21 relating to commerce regarding the program established pursuant to  
22 subsection (a) of this section and any federal economic stimulus funds  
23 applied for and received, if applicable, pursuant to subsection (b) of  
24 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - See Below	70,000-80,000	70,000-75,000
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits) <sup>1</sup>	GF - See Below	17,216	17,216

Note: GF=General Fund

#### **Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to establish a program to create green jobs and promote green energy and conservation. This will result in the need for a Community Development Specialist (\$67,700 annual salary, \$17,216 fringe benefits) with knowledge of the energy industry to fulfill the programs goals. Additional costs associated with equipment, materials, and printing could be incurred in FY 10 (\$10,000-\$15,000) and FY 11 (\$5,000).

The bill specifies that DECD apply for any federal economic stimulus funds available and implement the provisions of the bill within available appropriations. With passage of the bill, the agency would either (1) re-allocate existing funding for this purpose from another program; (2) incur additional costs; (3) delay or not implement

<sup>1</sup> The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller on an actual cost basis. The following is provided for estimated costs associated with additional personnel. The estimated non-pension fringe benefit rate as a percentage of payroll is 25.43%. Fringe benefit costs for new positions do not initially include pension costs as the state's pension contribution is based upon the 6/30/08 actuarial valuation for the State Employees Retirement System (SERS) which certifies the contribution for FY 10 and

this program due to lack of funding; or (4) implement the program with federal stimulus funding.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

*Sources: Department of Administrative Services, CORE-CT Financial Accounting System*

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FY 11. Therefore, new positions will not impact the state's pension contribution until FY 12 after the next scheduled certification on 6/30/2010.

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1068*****AN ACT CONCERNING GREEN JOBS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to establish, within available appropriations, a program to create green jobs and promote green energy and conservation. The program must (1) target investments in renewable energy research, development, and deployment; (2) promote the use of renewable energy in state buildings, nonprofits, and educational institutions; and (3) include components that emphasize the use of the state's existing industries and examine the viability of other renewable industries.

The bill requires DECD to apply for any federal economic stimulus funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the program. DECD must report by October 1, 2009 to the Commerce Committee on the program and any stimulus funds it applied for and received.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea    20    Nay   0    (03/12/2009)